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Department of State

Departmental Announcement 941

ORGANIZATION TO HANDLE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION
WITH CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THE EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM (ERP)

I GENERAL. There is attached a chart (Exhibit A) indicating the organization within the Department designated to handle its activities in connection with Congressional consideration of the European Recovery Program (ERP). Ambassador Douglas is acting as principal witness, other than the Secretary himself, for the Department for the presentation to Congress of ERP. His office is in room 5131A New State, ext. 2881. The functions of the various groups in the Department are set forth herein.

II EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM (ERP) COMMITTEE.

A Functions. This Committee, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Douglas, will serve as the top strategy group to make all major decisions, subject to the approval of the Under Secretary and the Secretary. Specifically the Committee will make decisions on the following types of problems:

1 What questions should be referred to the Advisory Steering Committee on ERP for interdepartmental clearance.

2 At what point the Department should agree to change its previous position on major questions in the light of current developments.

3 What actions should be taken to enlist the support of key individuals in Congress and outside.

4 What suggestions should be made to the Congressional committees as to the principal witnesses who will be called both within and without the Administration; and the emphasis and timing to be given to the presentation of various aspects of the program.

B Meetings. The Committee meets daily to make a current review of developments.

C Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary of the Committee is the central point of information concerning all activities and will assure that the Committee makes assignments to implement its decisions and that such assignments are being carried out.

III SUBORDINATE GROUPS. Functioning under the general coordination of Ambassador Douglas, assisted by Mr. Bonesteel, are the following groups:

A A Congressional and Public Relations Group. This group under Mr. Bohlen covers the fields of Congressional liaison, presentation, public relations, and press relations. The chart indicates the personnel responsible for each of the specific functions.

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B A Substantive Testimony Group. This group is under the direction of Mr. Nitze and is divided into subgroups as follows:
(See chart for personnel.)

- a. Financial Policy
- b. Country Evaluations
- c. Commodity Studies
- d. Commercial Policy
- e. Organization
- f. Budget and Administration.

C Legal aspects of the presentation of ERP will be coordinated by Mr. Gross.

D The ERP Coordinator for the Department is Mr. Thorp. (For further details on this point consult Advisory Steering Committee on ERP document dated Dec. 26, 1947.)

E Interdepartmental coordination on policy is achieved as necessary through the use of the Interdepartmental Advisory Steering Committee on ERP (Mr. Lovett, Chairman, Mr. Bonesteel, Executive Secretary) and the Interdepartmental Legislative Committee, functions under Mr. Gross.

Attachment

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Exhibit A

ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM

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Under Secy of State

ERP Committee

Amb. Douglas, Chairman
Room 5131 NS, Ext. 2881, 2882, 2883
Bonesteel, Executive Secretary
Rm 5121 NS, Ext. 739, 2491
Thorp, Rm 4122 NS, Ext. 641
Gross, Rm 4264 NS, Ext. 542
Bohlen, Rm 4151 NS, Ext. 2795
Hickerson, Rm 6164 NS, Ext. 524
Nitze, Rm 5159 NS, Ext. 2988, 2989,
3019

ERP Coordinator

Interdepartmental
Legislative Comm.

Congressional and Public Relations

- Behlen (see above)
Kirlin, coordination, Rm 4003 NS, Ext. 3051
Maroy, transcripts, collateral hearings,
Rm 4186 NS, Ext. 3005
- a. Presentation
Dort, Rm 4133 NS, Ext. 2686, 2687
Parelmann, Rm 1006 17th Street, Ext. 3136
- b. Senate Liaison
St. Claire, Rm 4003, NS, Ext. 3051
Maroy (see above)
Dort (see above)
- c. House Liaison
Craig, Rm 4219 NS, Ext. 712
Dort as necessary
Moreland, Rm 4186 NS, Ext. 3005
- d. Public Relations and Opinion
Russell, Rm 214, SA-5, Ext. 3053
- e. Press relations
McDermott, Rm 2118 NS, Ext. 2421
- f. Liaison with Appropriations Committees
Parelmann, Rm 1006 17th Street, Ext. 3136

Advisory Steering Comm.
on ERP (interdepart.)
ERP Secretariat, 4131
NS, Ext. 2891, 2892,
2893 / Manfull (Chief),
Tener, Ayer, Freund
(Adm. Off.)

Consultants:

Gordon, Rm 5159 NS,
Ext. 2988, 2989, 3019
Woodward, (Same)
Secretary: Weaver, Rm
5013 NS, Ext. 3737, 551

Substantive Testimony. Program Development and
Revision.

- Nitze (see above)
Kindleberger, Rm 4225 NS, Ext. 3061, 3062
- a. Financial Policy:
Spiegel, Rm 4223 NS, Ext. 3573, 3574
- b. Country Evaluations:
Labouisse, Rm 6256 NS, Ext. 2558
- c. Commodity Studies:
Bray, Rm 4219 NS, Ext. 715, 716
Phillips, Rm 4219 NS, Ext. 715, 716
- d. Commercial Policy:
Moore, Rm 4223 NS, Ext. 3571, 3572
- e. Organization: Kimball, Rm 5216 NS, Ext. 407
- f. Budget and Administration:
Hall, Rm 2134, 17th Street, Ext. 2862